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III. New Claims 4-6

New dependent claims 4-6 recite:

4. The steering apparatus for a vehicle as set forth in claim 3, wherein a cylindrical transmission housing is loosely fitted and fixed within a motor support cylinder projecting outward from the first housing or the second housing, and an adjustment screw is provided as a mesh adjusting section which is capable of applying an adjusting force the transmission housing by penetrating a peripheral wall of the motor support cylinder from the outside to the inside thereof so as to move the transmission housing within the motor support cylinder by spiral movement of the adjustment screw.

5. The steering apparatus for a vehicle as set forth in claim 1, wherein the thrust bearing comprises a pair of angular ball bearings placed back to back.

6. The steering apparatus for a vehicle as set forth in claim 5, wherein the angular ball bearings are fixed by a preload nut that is loosely held by a stopper ring.

As new claims 4-6 each depend either directly or indirectly from allowable claim 1, Applicants further submit that new claims 4-6 are also allowable for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

Therefore, in view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance as to all pending claims be issued in this case.

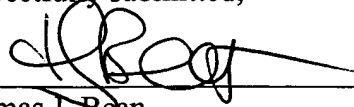
No fee is believed to be due with this submission. If, however, any fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge up to \$300.00 on Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either an additional Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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